

# LARKSWOOD NEWS

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another super week of learning! Year 4 have taken part in their own archaeological digs for treasure and artefacts, Year 6 have been brushing up on their reading skills, Year 1 were growing more and more hungry as they read 'Mr Wolf's Pancake', Year 3 have been creating some super artwork to support their learning of Jeannie Baker and Year 2 have been looking at Neil Armstrong and life in the 1960s.

In other news, Year 5 had a very successful trip to the O2 where the staff and children sang their hearts out at Young Voices. Even with the absence of torches, their voices shone brightly through the auditorium. Well done Year 5!

Following the successful launch of our new library last week, we are back in business and the children were so excited to visit the library again this week to choose a newly categorised book.

We have got some really exciting events coming up after the half term. The children and staff are very excited to take part in Larkwood's Extreme Reading Competition and celebrating world book day with a range of events and activities across the school - including dressing up as your favourite book character. We will also be embracing World Founders Day with our beavers, cubs and scouts wearing their uniforms to school.

In the meantime, we would like to wish you all a very restful break and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes,  
Clare Reynolds

## Safety reminder

Our car park is in constant use so please make sure that you use the footpaths into the school building. If you are waiting for your Nursery child at the end of a session, please make sure that you wait on the pathway rather than the car park. Please also ensure that smaller children are looked after at all times. Thank you.

## Founders Day & World Thinking Day

On Thursday 22nd February the school will be joining in with the World Founders Day and World Thinking Day celebration and inviting the children to come to school wearing their Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Beavers or Rainbows uniform. Keep an eye out for any of your teachers wearing their uniform as well.

## ATTENDANCE CONGRATULATIONS

Week-29<sup>th</sup> Jan-2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2018

Whole school attendance – 94.3%

**2ND 98.7%**

**Well Done!**

Classes with 96% and above:

1MW / 2ND/

4CF / 4GK/ 5JM / 6JM / 6KP

**Celebrating Punctuality**

Lowest number of late marks:

KS1 –RLW/1MW/2ND/

KS2 – 3DW / 4NB/ 4CF/5KS/6JW/6BC

## EVENTS AND VISITS

20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 visit to Ragged School Museum
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Founders Day & World Thinking day
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Year 4 visit to Ragged School Museum
23 <sup>&amp;</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Book Week
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 visit to Matilda the Musical
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential / Activity week 2018

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Under 5s stay and play - Monday 9.30-11.00am

Drop in with Members of SLT - Tuesday 7.30-9.30am

## Congratulations to the kitchen staff

The kitchen staff receiving their Food Hygiene level 2 awards - Well done everyone!



CLASS ASSEMBLIES 2017-18			
Sign in at main reception - 2.40pm			
TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4CF	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	1MW
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3DW	8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1JA
13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3JG	15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1KJ
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3MG		
24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	3ED	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	RLB
1 <sup>st</sup> May	RLB		
8 <sup>th</sup> May	RLW	10 <sup>th</sup> May	RAE
5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6BC	7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6JM
12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6JW	14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6KP
NURSERY ASSEMBLIES			
Will be held in the Nursery Unit			
19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Nur AM	21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Nur PM
	9.05am		12.50pm

## School Uniform

We believe that a uniform helps to promote a good working environment and a positive attitude to learning. We ask for all parents / carers co-operation in maintaining our high standards of school uniform.

### Boys:

- White shirt
- Dark grey trousers

### Girls:

- White blouse / shirt
- Dark grey knee-length skirt or dark grey pinafore dress or dark grey trousers

### Both:

- Navy blue jumper, cardigan or tank top with lime stripe and school logo
- Navy blue and lime tie
- Black flat school shoes – no pumps, ballerina pumps or trainers
- Black or navy coat
- Navy or lime green hair accessories only
- No jewellery (only small stud ear rings)
- School bag / PE bag

[www.larkwoodlime.london/school-uniform/](http://www.larkwoodlime.london/school-uniform/)

## Attendance Matters

There is a link between good school attendance and high level attainment within children. Whatever the reason, the fact is if your child is absent from school they are missing out on learning time.

Our aim is for all children to achieve 100% attendance and arrive on time every day. Children should be lining up with their class by 8.40am, to start learning at 8.45am.

## Punctuality

It is important that your child arrives at school on time every day. Arriving late to school can be unsettling for your child and also disrupts the class and their learning. The school gates close at 8.50am, children arriving after this time must go to the school office and will be marked as late.

## Reporting Absence

Parents/carers are responsible for informing the school of any absence in advance of the start of the school day. When leaving messages on the absence line please confirm your child's name, class and the reason for absence.

## Medical Appointments

Where possible all medical appointments should be made out of school hours.

When this is not possible the school must be informed in advance and evidence must be provided. Please keep the amount of time missed from school to a minimum.

If medical evidence (appointment card / letter) is not provided the school will mark the appointment as unauthorised leave.

## Exceptional Leave Request

All requests for leave during school time must be made to the Headteacher in writing. These are rarely authorised, except in exceptional circumstances.

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



## Larkwood's Sports Page

### Go Larkwood!

#### Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Tournament (2.2.18)

A year 5 team and a year 6 team took part in the second of the borough football tournaments which was held at GOALS, Chingford. Both teams started extremely well, winning all of their group games, bar one. This resulted in both teams qualifying for the quarter-finals. The year 5 team played a very competitive Normanhurst team and took the game to extra time, narrowly losing 2-1. The year 6 team fared better and won their quarter finals, but unfortunately, they lost in the semi-final. Both teams were amazing and the blisteringly cold weather did not dampen their efforts and enthusiasm in every match - well done Larkwood!!



#### Sports competitions in Spring 1

- 22.2.18-Year 5 and 6 Quickstick Hockey competition at Lee Valley Tennis and Hockey Centre
- 23.2.18-Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics competition at Harrow Leisure Centre
- 28.2.18-Year 5 and 6 High 5 Netball Festival at Redbridge Sports Centre
- 2.3.18-Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby competition at Salisbury Hall
- 9.3.18-Year 2 and 3 Winter Olympic event at Feel Good Centre
- 15.3.18-Year 5 and 6 Key Step 3 Gymnastics competition at Parkside Primary School
- 16.3.18-Year 4 and 5 Leadership Conference at Feel Good Centre

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to ask.

#### A special mention

A huge thank you to all of the parents who have helped out at the events and competitions that we have entered this academic year so far!

Your time, enthusiasm and support is greatly appreciated by all of the children, the school and Mr Hau.

**Together everyone achieves more**